In the presence of more than two thousand pergons Yang Yu, formerly the Chinese Minister to this country, and now the accredited representathe of the Chinese Empire to St. Petersburg. five of the Chinese Empire to St. Petersburg.
planted yesterday afternoon a ginkgobiloba tree
en the site of the old repository at Claremont,
which was recently torn down. The tree was
planted at the request of Li Hung Chang as a
tribute to the memory of General Grant. It had
been placed in the ground before the arrival of Yang Yu. The Minister and his secretary Su, and those who accompanied him, including Colonel and Mrs. Frederick D. Grant and their daughter, Miss Julia Grant, Park Commissionera Samuel McMillan and S. Van Rensselaer Cruger, were driven to Claremont, arriving there shortly after 4 o'clock, A way had been cleared in the throng of persons present for those who were to take part in the cerepresent for those who were to take part in the cere-monies. Yang Yu wore a heavily brocaded gold jacket over a gown of green silk. His cap was surmounted by a green button, and the front of it was advened by an enormous diamond, above which was a peculiarly shaped stone of a yellow The Minister and those in his party, after alighting from the carriages, were met by Park

Commissioner Stiles and William Leary, secretary of the Park Board, The ceremonies attending the planting of the tree were short and simple. After a few remarks by Mr. McMillan, Yang Yu took a spade and threw a little earth around the roots of the tree. He then read his speech from Chinese manuscript. When he had finished speaking, his secretary translated the speech into English. It was as follows:

This tree is planted at the side of the tomb of U.S. Grant, ex-president of the United States of America, to commemorate his greatness by Li Hung Chang, guardian of the Prince, Grand Secretary of the State, Earl of the First Order.

"Yang Yu, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Flenipolentiary. Kwang Hsu, 23 year tin moon." The Minister said that the characters in his manuscript were such as were used on tombs and memorial tablets, and it was his wish, if a tablet was placed on the tree or on a fence about it, that similar characters be used. After the ceremonies yang Yu and the other members of the party visited the tomb.

The tree was taken from Morningside Park, and were short and simple. After a few remarks by

tree was taken from Morningside Park, and The tree was taken from Morningside Park, and is about eight feet high, according to Commissioner Stiles. This species of tree was introduced into Europe probably 140 years ago, and has been planted in this country for a century. It was sent to Europe from Japan, but it is probably not a native Japanese tree, at least it has never been found wild in Japanese forests, which have been explored thoroughly by European botanists. It has never been found wild anywhere, so far as can be learned, and probably never will be found in a wild state. It has been preserved through the agency of the priests of Buddha, who have a great affection for it, and who probably introduced it from China into Japan, where it has been planted about the temples.

WALL STREET AND EXCHANGES.

Standard Oil Trust certificates yesterday sold in the open market at 307, which was an advance of By per cent from Thursday. The certificates are not dealt in on the New-York Stock Exchange, but instead are handled by "outside" brokers. Accordingly there is no complete record of transactions. The transfers of the certificates are mainly in small lots. So far as can be ascertained there is ne impending development to account for a rise of over 50 per cent in the securities since January 1. One of the leading men in the Trust said the rise was undoubtedly due to the existence of cheap money. As money was bringing very little in interest, people were willing to pay a high price for the securities of a concern which was so large and sure an earner. There was no truth in the story that a new Standard Oil corporation, taking in all that a new Standard Oil corporation, taking in all the present companies, with a capital of \$200,000,000, was to be formed. The Standard Oil Trust, it was said, was in process of liquidation. Its certificates were being converted into the stocks of the component companies. The certificates had been reduced in amount from \$97,250,000 to about \$20,000,000. When a dividend was paid on the certificates accorresponding dividend was paid on the stocks of the various companies which had been exchanged for certificates. Thus the dividend of 10 per cent to be paid on June 15 meant a total cash distribution of \$9,725,000. The dividends declared so far this year are 20 per cent, or \$19,450,000. In the same period in 1895 the dividends were 22 per cent, or \$25,75,001 consequently the distribution for the first half of 1896. Was \$2,311,300 greater than for the first half of 1897. In the second half of 1896, il per cent was paid. It appears, therefore, that the second half of the vear is not so good as the first half for earnings. The books for the coming dividend close on May 15—that is, only holders of certificates whose names are on the books on that date will receive the dividend. The books will reopen on June 15 the day following the payment of the dividend.

The old story that a quarrel had taken place between Russell Sage and George J. Gould, and that they had broken off relations, was revived yesterday. It was denied by Mr. Sage, as it had been be-Mr. Gould was not in town, but at his office It was said the story contained no more truth than it had when circulated before, which was none at The story was that the trouble grew out of the effairs of a construction company which built a plece of railroad in Louisiana about the time of the death of Jay Gould. Mr. Sage, it was said, insisted that he was entitled to a larger share of the profits than he had received. The belief in Wall Street was that Mr. Sage and Mr. Gould had too many interests in common for any important difference to arise between them. between them.

The proprietor of the Hotel Martin and several Chinese merchants have gone to Washington to endeavor to secure from the Secretary of the Treasury a modification of the Department ruling on packages of tobacco imported from France and The ruling is that, to comply with the law, packages must contain an even number of es, for which customs stamps are provided. ounces, for which customs stamps are provided. The French tobacco is put up in packages of fifty grammes or one and three-quarters ounces, 190 grammes or three and one-half ounces and 200 grammes or seven ounces. The Chinese tobacca comes in packages containing seven and one-half ounces. Stamps are provided for two, four and eight ounce packages. It is declared to be impossible to repack the tobacco without destroying its salability. The question came up before the Collector of the Port of New-York three weeks ago en an importation by the Hotel Martin.

Gold bars of the value of \$1,000,000 were obtained from the Assay Office yesterday by Lazard Freres for shipment to Paris by the steamship La Tou-raine, of the French Line, sailing to-day. The Government charged a premium of one-teath of one per cent for the bars, which was equal to FIRST FRUIT OF THE NOISE ORDINANCE. 11,000 on the shipment. While demand exchange is comparatively low (the actual rate being 4.87%). the high price of gold in London and the low rate the high price of gold in London and the low rate of Paris exchange on London enables gold to be shipped from New-York to Paris on a triangular operation without loss. The fact that no bills of exchange were offered yesterday by Lazard Freres against to-day's shipment led to the conclusion that the shipment was against bills previously sold. The total of the gold shipped in the present movement is \$5.57,000. It is presumed there will be considerable of an outgo the coming week.

Word was received yesterday at his office, No. 27 William-st., of the arrival at Aspen, Col., of J. B. Wheeler. The object of his trip was to attend to the winding up of the two banks he established at the winding up of the two bases in case services, and Mr. Wheeler would dispose of all his interests in Colorado and devote himself to his gold-mining enterprises in Pierre and Shasta counties, Cal. Mr. Tilton said Mr. Wheeler would not have to make an assignment on account of his losses in Colorado. His loans in New-York were well secured.

The Board of Managers of the Produce Exchange yesterday appointed a committee to receive and entertain the Mexican and Central and South American merchants who will arrive here the early

LOCAL BUSINESS COMPLICATIONS.

The Sheriff yesterday took charge of the Fifth Avenue Riding Academy, at Fifth-ave. and Nine-tieth-st., on executions from Blumenstiel & Hirsch for \$2,259 against the proprietors, De Kleffer, Stiegfor F. 303 against the proprietors. Let & Fuchs, in favor of Harry Heilbrun for \$2.453 and George Wright for \$366. They have carried on the place for the last four years and heretofore claimed an investment of \$10,000. The liabilities are about \$3,000, but no estimate can be placed on the assets, waich consist of horses, saddles and the ap-

purtenances of the business. Deputy-Sheriff Williams yesterday received an attachment against the Eastern Rubber Manufacturing Company of Trenton, ex-Mayor Magowan's com-pany, which was placed in the hands of a receiver pany, which was placed in the hands of a receiver on Thursday, for \$470, in favor of John E. Ford. Two executions were also issued yesterlay for \$650 in favor of the Pridal Company on attached property consisting of accounts to the amount of \$750. The firm of Oliver & Straus, composed of Edwin Oliver and Alexander Straus, dealers in hieyele sunplies and sundries, at No. 22 Park Row, made an assignment yesterday to Jesse Stearns, giving a preference to the Pynchon National Bank, of Springfield, Mass, for loans and discounts, the amount not being mentioned. The present firm makes the assignment as successor to Edwin Oliver & Co. and Oliver, Straus & Co. No information was given as to liabilities and assets.

NINE YEARS FOR MANSLAUGHTER.

Glovment Di Magro yesterday pleaded guity to manslaughter in the first degree in the Criminal Branch of the Supreme Court and was participed to the Supreme Court and was participed to the supreme to the Supreme Court and was participed to the supreme to the Supreme Court and was participed to the supreme to the supreme to the Supreme Court and was participed to make application to the court for the appointment of commissioners to appraise the property. It was also decided to extend the property are the property. It was also decided to extend the property are the property are the property. It was also decided to extend the property are the property. Branch of the Supreme Court and was sentinced to branch of the Supfeme Court and was sentinced to nine years in Sing Sing Prison by Justice Gildersiève. In March last Di Marco shot and killed Sacto Abbrizio in a saloon at No. 113 Elizabeth-st. Twenty more Italians were in the saloon at the foreign receipts are falling off and there is small demand foreign receipts are falling off and there is small demand for domestic wool. The March imports of wool were for domestic wool. The March imports of wool manufactured at 39,250,000, the March imports of wool manufactured at 39,250,00

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HOMELESS AFTER A FUMIGATION.

THE BOARD OF HEALTH INVESTIGATING A FIRE WHICH DESTROYED A POOR FAM-ILY'S HOUSEHOLD GOODS.

Patrick Hunt, a laborer, called on Dr. Benedict, Chief of the Bureau of Contagious Diseases, yes-terday, and complained that one of the Department inspectors had been at his house at noon on Thursday and had burned up everything he had except the clothes he and his family were wearing. Hunt the clothes he and his family were wearing. Hunt wanted to know what reparation the Board of Health would make for his loss.

Inspector Reed, who supervised the fumigating of the apartments, told Dr. Benedict that he had gone to Hunt's house and arranged the tumigating apparatus in the usual way, but after he had lighted the sulphur Mrs. Hunt went into the room with a lighted lamp and set it on a rickety shelf. The shaking of the wall when somebody walked across the floor made the lamp roll off a few minutes afterward. It rolled under a bed, Reed said, but he crawled under after it, pulled it out, and, as he supposed, put out a little blaze that had been started, severely burning his hands in doing so. Then he left the place. Mrs. Hunt went out to a neighbor's. In going out a few minutes later, she discovered that the time she thought this was a part of the fumigating process, and made no complaint until she discovered later that there was nothing in the house left unburned.

Dr. Repedict told his caller that he placed great rediscovered later that he placed great re-left unburned.

Dr. Benedict told his caller that he placed great re-liance on the word of Inspector Reed, but would send another inspector to make a disinterested in-sent another inspector to make a disinterested in-vestigation. Hunt left the office to look for a sleep-ing place for his family last night.

DANGER IN TELEPHONE CARDS. Inspector Murray reported to the Fire Board at its meeting yesterday that the celluloid cards now being used by the telephone companies were contrary to the law, being a menace to property owing to the explosive nature of the material used. The to the explosive nature of the material used. The Board decided that the telephone companies must get other than explosive cards.

President Sheffield corrected assertions in a circular issued by the New-York Fire Notification Company that the company had access within the fire lines and could protect property, as its employes were working under the supervision of the Fire Chief. The only privilege granted to the company, Mr Sheffield said, was that of stringing telegraph wires. company, its second from the New-York Infirmary A jetter was read from the New-York Infirmary for Women and Children, in which the physicians and house surgeons of that institution commended the conduct of the firemen at the recent fire in the institution.

The amended corporation ordinances which went into effect on March 4 provide a severe penalty for carrying heavy pleces of iron or steel through the streets without protectors to prevent them from streets without protectors to prevent them from noisy clashing. The penalty is now \$25. The first victim of the new ordinance was dealt with in Jefferson Market Police Court resterday. He was Edward Reilly, of No. 327 Mangin-st, the driver of a four-horse truck, and had tried to drive through West Third-st, near Broadway, on Thursday night, carrying on the truck two dozen steel railroad rails. There was nothing on the truck to deaden the ear-splitting din of the clashing rails, and it was stopped by Policeman Bambrick, who had been sent out from the Mercer-st, station by the sergeant to see if any buildings were failing.

MANY SERVICES BY MR. M'NEILL.

At the close of the Rev. John McNeill's meeting for business men in Chickering Hall yesterday at noon, the Rev. Dr. A. C. Dixon asked the ministers to remain. About fifty of them did so, and an informal discussion of the progress of the work and plans for the rest of Mr. McNelll's stay in this plans for the rest of Mr. McNell's stay in this country took place. Some of the ministers from Newark, Grange, Ridgewood and other places spoke of the interest being taken in the meetings by their people. The Rev. Dr. D. Asa Blackburn offered his church, the Church of the Strangers, for Mr. McNell's use when he is through at the Broadway Tabernacle, where he is to preach every night next week. To-morrow at 4 o'clock Mr. McNell's will preach in Carnegle Music Hall, in the morning in the Thirteenth Street Presbyterian Church, and in the evening at the Rev. Dr. MacArthur's church, Fifty-seventh-st. The noon meetings in Chickering Hall will continue next week.

ALLEGED SHIP SCUTTLERS SENT TO JAIL. At the request of the German Consul, United States Commissioner Shields yesterday committed to Ludlow Street Jail Franz John Heinrich Selbeck, to Ludiow Street Jail Franz John Heinrich Selbeck, Frederick Paul Dankelmann, Carl Gustave, Edward Decke and Frederick Wilhelm Kammel, four young men belonging to the crew of the German bark Elizabeth Ahrens, who are alleged to have attempted to burn and scuttle the vessel in the harbor of Martinique last February. The case is under investigation by the German Consu, and pending the result of the inquiry the United States authorities have been requested to detain the accused men. Two of the prisoners are said to be willing to betray their companions, and it is likely that all the men will be sent to Germany for trial.

ELM-ST. AND BROADWAY TO BE EXTENDED. The Board of Street Openings formally decided yesterday to open and extend Elm-st. from Readest. to Chambers-st., alongside the new buildings for the Hall of Records, and the Corporation Counsel was instructed to make application to the

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